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SUBJECT: PARLIAMENT APPROVES COMMITTEE OF THIRTEEN'S DECLARATION

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1. PARLIAMENT ON APRIL 27 ADOPTED BY A VOTE OF 74 TO 0 COMMITTEE OF THIRTEEN'S SIX POINT DECLARATION OF PRINCIPALS. MOST CHRIST- IANS AND MANY MOSLEMS PRAISED THE VOTE. DEPUTY TONY FRANJIYAH HOWEVER WAS CONSPICUOUSLY ABSENT FROM THE SESSION, SAYING HE WAS OPPOSED TO THE PARLIAMENTARY DECLARATION BECAUSE IT DID NOT CALL FOR ELIMINATION OF PALESTINIAN PRESENCE IN ALL OF LEBANON. RACHID KARAME, DECLARATION, AS DID FORMER MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS MALIK SALAM.

2. MOST OF THE DEBATE PRECEDING THE VOTE CENTERED AROUND WHETHER THE DECLARATION AFFECTED THE 1969 CAIRO AND 1976 RIYADH ACCORDS WHICH GOVERN PALESTINIAN PRESENCE IN LEBANON. CHRISTIANS HAVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IMPLIED THAT THE DECLARATION NULLIFIED THE ACCORDS, WHICH DRUZE AND MOSLEMS HAVE EXPLICITLY DENIED. TO APPEASE MUSLIMS AND DRUZE, SPEAKER KAMAL AL-ASSAD READ INTO RECORD ASSERTION THAT, "WE IN THIS HOUSE HAVE NOT ASKED THE GOVERNMENT TO REVOKE OR TO MAIN- TAIN ANY AGREEMENT, SINCE THE OBSERVANCE AND ABROGATION OF TREAT- IES IS THE CONCERN OF THE GOVERNMENT." AS CONCESSION TO SYMPATH- IZERS OF NATIONAL MOVEMENT, NATIONAL STRUGGLE FRONT LEADER BAHIJ

TAKI AD DIN WAS ALLOWED TO READ INTO RECORD ASSERTION THAT "SINCE SUCH TREATIES, ESPECIALLY THE CAIRO ACCORD, ARE THE PROVINCE OF THE EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY, THE COMMITTEE DID NOT DEAL WITH THEM AT ALL." (COMMENT: ASSAD AND TAKI AD DIN STATEMENTS GRANDLY IGNORE FACT THAT PARLIAMENT IN 1969 WAS ASKED TO AND DID RATIFY CAIRO ACCORD, ALTHOUGH WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE OF THE TEXT.)

3. AS REPORTED IN IKE, THE FINAL TEXT OF THE DECLARATION AS APPROVED BY PARLIAMENT ON APRIL 27 DIFFERS ONLY SLIGHTLY FROM THE TEXT AS APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE OF THIRTEEN ON APRIL 23. THE MOST IMPORTANT CHANGES ARE: (A) THE FINAL TEXT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE ASSERTION IN THE APRIL 23 TEXT THAT "THE LEGITIMATE CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY IS THE ONLY AUTHORITY IN THE LAND OF LEBANON," AND (B) THE FINAL TEXT ADDS THE ASSERTION ABSENT IN THE PRELIMINARY TEXT THAT THE MISSION OF THE ARAB DETERRENT FORCE INCLUDES IMPLEMENTING THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE RIYADH AND CAIRO SUMMITS.

4. FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT AS PRINTED IN IKE APRIL 28 OF THE DECLARATION ADOPTED BY PARLIAMENT ON APRIL 27:

5. BEGIN TEXT. "IN VIEW OF THE FIRM BELIEF IN THE NECESSITY OF PRESERVING THE UNITY OF LEBANON, ITS SOVEREIGNTY, ITS SECURITY, THE SAFETY OF ITS TERRITORY AND ITS DEMOCRATIC PARLIAMENTARY SYSTEM; IN KEEPING WITH THE POSITIONS ADOPTED BY LEBANON IN SUPPORT OF THE ARAB CAUSE, NOTABLY THE CAUSE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND THEIR RIGHT TO REGAIN THEIR LAND AND EXERCISE ALL THEIR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NATIONAL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS IN IT;

6. "IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SUMMIT RESOLUTIONS OF RIYADH AND CAIRO, INCLUDING THOSE RELATING TO THE COLLECTION OF ARMS;

7. "WHEREAS THE UNITY OF LEBANON, ITS INDEPENDENCE, ITS SOVEREIGNTY, ITS SECURITY AND THE SAFETY OF ITS TERRITORY ARE MAXIMS WHICH ARE UNANIMOUSLY RECOGNIZED BY ALL THE LEBANESE IN THEIR VARIOUS GROUPS AND TRENDS;

8. "WHEREAS THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, IN THE COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE SIXTH ARAB SUMMIT IN RIYADH AND IN THE RESOLUTION OF THE EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE ARAB SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN CAIRO, HAVE ANNOUNCED THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF STATE SUPERVISION OVER THE COLLECTION OF HEAVY ARMS AND THE ELIMINATION OF ALL ARMED MANIFESTATIONS;

9. "WHEREAS THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION NUMBER 425, TO THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ALL PARTIES HAVE ANNOUNCED THEIR COMMITMENT, PROVIDES FOR THE STATIONING OF INTERNATIONAL FORCES IN THE SOUTHERN LEBANESE REGION TO CONFIRM THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE ISRAELI FORCES, ESTABLISH INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY AND ASSIST THE GOVERN-

MENT OF LEBANON IN ENSURING THE RETURN OF ITS AUTHORITY IN THE AREA;

10. "WHEREAS RESOLUTION NUMBER 425, WHICH HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY ALL PARTIES, DICTATES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY IN ADDITION TO THE RETURN OF LEBANESE AUTHORITY TO THE SOUTHERN LEBANESE REGION;

11. "AND WHEREAS THE PRIMARY MISSION OF THE ARAB SECURITY FORCES IS TO IMPLEMENT THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE RIYADH AND CAIRO SUMMITS AND TO SUPPORT THE LEBANESE AUTHORITY IN IMPOSING SECURITY AND ENSURING THE SAFETY OF EVERYONE RESIDING IN LEBANESE TERRITORY;

"WE ANNOUNCE THE FOLLOWING

"FIRST: THE NECESSITY OF IMPLEMENTING THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION NUMBER 425, WHICH PROVIDES FOR:

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"A. TOTAL RESPECT FOR THE SECURITY OF THE TERRITORY OF LEBANON, ITS SOVEREIGNTY AND ITS POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE WITH ITS RECOGNIZED INTERNATIONAL BORDERS;

"B. WITHDRAWAL OF THE ISRAELI FORCES WITHOUT DELAY FROM ALL LEBANESE TERRITORY;

"C. ENSURING THE RETURN OF EFFECTIVE STATE AUTHORITY TO THE SOUTHERN LEBANESE REGION.

"SECOND: CESSATION OF ARMED PALESTINIAN AND NON-PALESTINIAN ACTIVITY IN ALL LEBANESE TERRITORY.

"THIRD: PROHIBITION OF ANY ARMED PRESENCE OTHER THAN THE FORCES OF THE LEGITIMATE LEBANESE AUTHORITY, AND APPLICATION OF LEBANESE LAWS AND REGULATIONS TO ALL LEBANESE (CITIZENS) AND ALL THOSE PRESENT IN LEBANESE TERRITORY WITHOUT EXCEPTION.

"FOURTH: BUILDING THE LEBANESE ARMY ON APPROPRIATE, SOUND NATIONAL FOUNDATIONS TO ENABLE IT TO UNDERTAKE ITS RESPONSIBILITIES AND CARRY OUT THE DUTIES ENTRUSTED TO IT.

"FIFTH: ADOPTION OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE FREE ECONOMIC SYSTEM IN ITS MODERN CONCEPTION, TOWARD THE EXPLOITATION OF ALL NATURAL RESOURCES IN THE COUNTRY, LEADING TO EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL CITIZENS AND THE ACHIEVEMENT OF TRUE SOCIAL JUSTICE IN ALL LEBANESE DISTRICTS AND FOR ALL THE COMMUNITIES.

"SIXTH: THE CONFEREES, IN EXPRESSING THIS POPULAR WILL, ASK THE LEGITIMATE AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT IT."

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